

Minnesota Forest Resources Council Update for TPA Board of Directors

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Major MFRC Activities in 2011

Appointments: By 6/30, Governor likely to appoint new Chair and reappointment eight current members, including Dale and Wayne

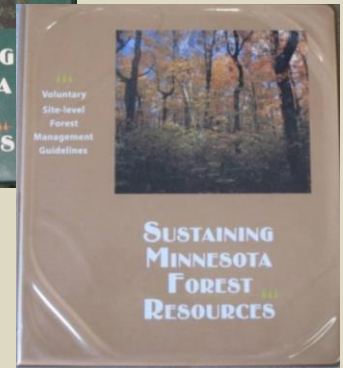
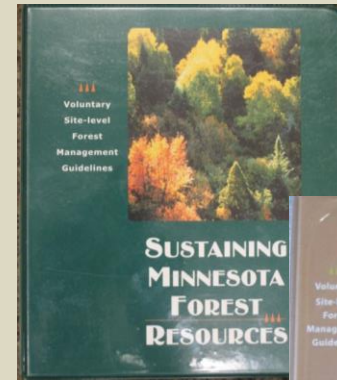
Forest Policy: 9/28-29 MFRC meeting to set policy direction for next four years

Landscape Program: On 5/25, MFRC approved initiation of NE landscape plan update, contingent on funding

Site-level Program: Revision of forest management guidelines continues

Guideline Revision

- Guideline evolution
 - first published in 1999
 - revised in 2005
 - biomass guidelines in 2007
- Most recent revision initiated in 2010
 - Riparian guidelines as driver
- Other topics from scoping process
 - leave trees, rutting, infrastructure, invasive species, biomass guidelines
 - field guide development



Revision Process and Timeline

Task	Date
Scoping	January – June 2010
Evaluation	Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011
Council preliminary decision	December 2011
Peer and public review	Jan. – March 2012
Economic analysis	March – June 2012
Final revisions accepted	Sept. 2012
Publish new guidelines	End of 2012

Process for Revision

- Evaluation/recommendation by site-level committee
- Utilize existing information (e.g., monitoring)
- Technical guidance as needed
- Goal for consensus, but not requisite
- Final decision by full Council

Site-level Committee

Committee member	Representing
Dave Parent, Chair	Private landowners
Dale Erickson	Loggers
Bob Lintelmann	Indian Affairs Council
Gene Merriam	Environmental orgs.
Shawn Perich	Game species orgs.
John Rajala	Secondary wood products
Mary Richards	Resort and tourism

Topic Schedule

Meeting date	Topics
Oct. 27, 2010	Water diversion / erosion control Infrastructure guidelines Conifer retention guideline
Jan. 12, 2011	Leave tree guidelines Biomass guidelines (begin)
April 14, 2011	Biomass guidelines Leave tree guidelines (end)
May 11, 2011	Biomass guidelines (end) Rutting metric / site disturbance Invasive species guidelines (begin)
June 22, 2011	Invasive species guidelines (end) Riparian guidelines (begin)
July 13, 2011	Riparian guidelines (end)
Sept. 14, 2011	Field guide development

2011 Guideline Monitoring

- Site selection
 - sites cut between fall 2009-2010

Category	Harvest share	Target # sites
County	22%	20
Federal	6%	6
Industrial	12%	11
NIPF	28%	24
State	29%	26
Tribal	3%	3

- Fieldwork
 - same contractor from previous 3 cycles
 - site visits from May-June 2011
- Final report by January 2012



MFRC Funding, Fiscal Years 2007-13*

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
\$780	\$780	\$780	\$727	\$707	\$580**	\$580**

* Funding includes state General Fund appropriations only

** Projected FY 2012 and 2013 funding, contingent on budget agreement

Projected \$200,000 (26 percent) reduction in funding since FY 2009 will make it hard to meet statutory mandates for all program areas, including site-level monitoring

Questions?